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SANITARY LEGISLATION.

STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

RHODE ISLAND.

Glanders or Farcy—Importation of Horses, Asses, and Mules from Certain States— Regulation of. (Reg. Bd. of Agriculture, Feb. 3, 1914.)

Whereas, the disease known as glanders or farcy, which disease is contagious not only to horses, asses, and mules, but to human beings, has, in the opinion of the veterinarian appointed by the State Board of Agriculture of the State of Rhode Island become prevalent in Rhode Island and the States bordering on said State and in Indiana.

Now, be it known that by the power vested in the Rhode Island State Board of Agriculture by chapter 119, section 3 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1909, the following rules and regulations have been duly adopted by said State board of agriculture:

SECTION 1. All horses, asses, and mules brought into Rhode Island from the States of Massachusetts, New York, Indiana, and Connecticut must be accompanied by a permit upon which shall appear distinguishing marks describing such animal, issued by the said State veterinarian of the State of Rhode Island, and the arrival of all such animals must be reported to the said veterinarian within 24 hours after destination is reached, and they must remain in quarantine on the owner's premises and at the owner's expense until released by the said State veterinarian.

SEC. 2. All horses, asses, and mules so brought into this State from Massachusetts, New York, Indiana, and Connecticut, having first passed an examination and an opthalmic mallein test, as recognized by the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, made by a competent veterinarian before shipment, and the certificate of health having been issued by such veterinarian and duly approved by the proper authorities having jurisdiction over the diseases of domestic animals of the State from which such shipment is made, may be released from quarantine by the State veterinarian or his deputy. Such certificate shall contain a description of the animal examined by such veterinarian, together with distinguishing marks that appear on the same.

SEC. 3. All horses, asses, and mules brought into this State, not accompanied by such health certificate as provided in section 2 hereof, shall be examined by a veterinarian in such manner and such tests made as the State veterinarian may direct, at the expense of the owner or owners, upon arrival in this State, and the certificate of health issued by such veterinarian shall be subject to the approval of the State veterinarian before such animals are released from quarantine.

SEC. 4. All releases from quarantine will be issued by the State veterinarian or some assistant to be approved by said board of agriculture. All horses, asses, and mules found to be diseased will be killed as by law provided, the carcasses burned or buried or turned over to a rendering company for treatment in such a manner as not

to menace the public health and will prevent a spread of the disease, and the premises disinfected at the owner's expense.

SEC. 5. The foregoing rules and regulations do not apply to horses, asses, and mules that enter the State in their daily work or to such animals as are being transported through the State by common carriers aboard cars; but none of such animals while in transit shall, if unloaded for any necessary purpose, be permitted to go beyond the care and control of such common carrier.

SEC. 6. This order shall be published by furnishing copies to transportation companies doing business within this State and by general distribution among dealers in horses, asses, and mules and, when deemed necessary, by furnishing copies to applicants for permits to be issued in accordance with the provisions as stated above and by publishing the same once each day for five successive days in the Providence Journal, Providence Bulletin, Providence Tribune, Providence News, Newport News, Woonsocket Call, Pawtucket Times, Westerly Sun, Kent County News, and Pawtuxet Valley Times.

SEC. 7. These rules may, from time to time for the further protection to this State, be amended to include other States, Territories, and Provinces.

SEC. 8. Any person, firm, or corporation found guilty of violating the provisions of these rules and regulations shall be fined not more than \$300, as prescribed in section 3 of said chapter 119 of the General Laws.